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As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My Residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name.

I believe I am an original, first and sole inventor of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention **SELF-MOLDING ANNULOPLASTY RING AND METHOD OF USE** the specification of which (is attached hereto/was filed on HERewith and assigned Application No. to be determined.

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

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